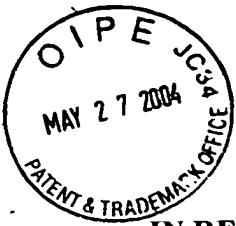


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT,
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2004, the period in which to respond has been extended to include May 23, 2004 by the accompanying petition for a one-month retroactive extension of time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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I. ELECTION OF INVENTION

The Examiner in the subject Office Action has raised a two-way species restriction requirement between the species shown in FIGS 1-9 and FIGS. 10-21, but it is noted that the Examiner failed to indicate whether any claims are or are not generic. The difference between these two species is that FIGS. 1-9 depict a single terminal within each cavity of the connector housing and FIGS. 10-21 depict structures that contain terminal modules with a pair of terminals held therein. Currently, claim 1 is generic to both species

Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Species 1 and pending claims 1-10, 18-20, 22-34 and 36 read on that species. The remaining claims have been cancelled without prejudice.